

Article XIII – Operation of Motor Vehicles with Respect to Bicycles

Section 1

MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS TO EXERCISE DUE CARE

Every operator of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any bicyclist upon the roadway and shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary and shall exercise proper precautions which may become necessary for safe operation.

Section 2

BICYCLE LANES

Bicycle lanes are designated with solid lines and bicycle symbols and are for the exclusive use of bicyclists. Operators of motor vehicles shall not drive in bicycle lanes except to enter or exit parking spaces or to make right turns. When crossing bicycle lanes for any reason motor vehicle operators shall check carefully for the presence of bicycles and only cross a bicycle lane when it is safe to do so. Operators of motor vehicles shall not stand or park in bicycle lanes.

Section 3

OVERTAKING BICYCLES

The driver of a vehicle shall not pass or overtake a bicycle proceeding in the same direction unless there is sufficient clear space ahead on the roadway to permit the overtaking to be concluded without impeding the safe operation of the bicycle.

Section 4

CARE IN STOPPING, STARTING, TURNING, OR BACKING

The driver of any vehicle before stopping, starting, turning from a direct line, or backing, shall first see that such movement can be made safely. If such movement cannot be made safely or if it interferes unduly with the normal movement of traffic, said driver shall wait for a more favorable opportunity to make such movement.

Section 5

SHARED MOTOR VEHICLE-BICYCLE LANES

Shared travel lanes for motorists and bicyclists are indicated by a chevron with a bicycle symbol below. These shared lane markings (“sharrows”) indicate where cyclists should ride in a shared travel lane to be safe from opening doors on parked cars or other hazards. Whether or not sharrows are present, cyclists may use a full travel lane when necessary for safety.

Section 6

OPENING VEHICLE DOORS

No person shall open a door on a motor vehicle unless it is reasonably safe to do so without interfering with the movement of other traffic, including bicyclists and pedestrians.